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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1), applicants hereby petition the Commissioner for Patents for a one-month extension of time to respond to an Office Action dated July 26, 2006. Applicants have authorized the Commissioner to charge payment of the Extension fee. With the extension, a response is due on or before November 27, 2006.

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